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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE PRESS TREATMENT OF OSLO CONFERENCE
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1. SUMMARY: ONLY HANDFUL OF ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN PORTUGUESE PRESS ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE. COVERAGE HAS ATTACKED CONFERENCE AND STRESSED ASPECTS FAVORABLE TO PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

2. PORTUGUESE PRESS HAS GIVEN LITTLE COVERAGE TO OSLO CONFERENCE; SOME PAPERS HAVE NEVER MENTIONED IT. UPI/ ANI REPORT OF OPENING CARRIED APRIL 10 COVERED GON FORMIN VAARVI'S STATEMENT THAT SOUTHERN AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE ONLY QUESTION OF TIME. ARTICLE POINTED OUT WESTERN BIG THREE ABSENT AND PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA NOT INVITED. HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE ANI PIECE ENTITLED " OSLO CONFERENCE A REAL FARCE" CARRIED IN PRO- GOVERNMENT EPOCA APRIL 10. AFP REPORT CARRIED HERE APRIL 11 COVERED SOVIET ATTACK ON PORTUGAL AND " IMPERIALIST SUPPORTERS."

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3. AM PAPERS APRIL 12 CARRIED REUTER/ AFP STORY ON MARCOS KASSANGA INTERVIEW, ATTRIBUTING TO KASSANGA COMMENTS THAT LIBERATION STRUGGLE GETTING NOWHERE AND THAT MOVEMENTS PLAGUED BY " PERSONALITY CULTS" AND " DEMAGOGY" OF LEADERS. (FYI: FOR BACKGROUND ON KASSANGA, SEE STATE 28312. KASSANGA IS FORMER GRAE OFFICIAL WHO NOW IDENTIFIES SELF AS HEAD OF UNITED PARTY OF ANGOLAN YOUTH.) ANI PIECE CARRIED 4/13 ALLEGES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MPLA AND FLNA BEING EXPOSED AT OSLO.

4. JORNAL DO COMERCIO EDITORIAL APRIL 10 ADVISES SCANDINAVIA TO LOOK TO SUFFERINGS OF " BALTIC NEIGHBORS" INSTEAD OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, OF WHICH SCANDINAVIA KNOWS NOTHING. COMERCIO PIECE CONTENTS WALDHEIM' S IGNORANCE WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE, SINCE HE IS AUSTRIAN, BUT IS NOW " VOLUNTARY" SINCE HE REFUSES GOP' S INVITATIONS TO GO SEE FOR HIMSELF.
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